



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WATER INFORMATION RESOURCES

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### Region 6 PHASE 1 of the NPDES STORM WATER PROGRAM - INDUSTRIAL

#### **Background.**

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits are based on federal law (the Clean Water Act). Congress amended this law in 1987 and required that storm water discharges associated with industrial activity get NPDES permits. EPA approached the industrial storm water permit program in phases. Phase I regulations became effective in 1990. We project that Phase II will be effective in 1998 or 1999.

#### **Who needs a permit?**

Operators of industrial facilities subject to Phase I are required to apply for a NPDES storm water permit. See reverse for more information. Nearly all operators who are required to get a storm water permit may apply for a general permit by submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI). If you are not eligible for the general permits (see general permits to determine), call (214)665-7518 to apply for an individual storm water permit.

#### **How to apply for a general permit?**

1) Get a copy of the general permit under which you wish to be covered. See Sources of Documents (this page). There are 2 industrial storm water general permits: Baseline ('92); & Multi-Sector ('95).

If you are an existing facility (were operating prior to March 29, 1996) you need to apply for the Multi-Sector, and your application is overdue and should be submitted as soon as possible. If you are a new facility you should apply for coverage (under either general permit) 2 days prior to beginning your industrial activity. However, the Multi-Sector is encouraged because the Baseline will expire September 9, 1997. Your trade organization, or local officials may have already reviewed both general permits and can advise you on which one is better for your industry. If not, you can get a copy of both and decide which is best for your situation.

2) Read the permit and understand the requirements for your industry type. For example, both general permits require all industries to develop and implement a Pollution Prevention Plan. Some industries have to monitor their storm water discharges and report results.

3) Complete the application form (the NOI). Copies with original signature are accepted. Current version of form expires 8/31/98. Complete the NOI & send it to:

Storm Water Notice of Intent (4203)  
401 M Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

4) Within a few weeks you should receive a letter from the NOI Processing Center giving you your general permit registration number.

#### **Sources of Documents.**

To get a hard copy of the general permits as well as other storm water forms and documents, call (202) 260-7786, or for an electronic copy visit the Internet site at <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6en/w/sw/home.htm> or <http://pipes.ehsg.saic.com/storm.htm>

#### **Contacts.**

Have general storm water questions? (800) 245-6510.

Need to check on the status of your NOI? (703) 931-3230.

Need to contact EPA Region 6 Industrial Permits Branch? (214)665-7534, 8304, 7523.

Have a permit compliance question or complaint? (214) 665-7112 [TX, NM] (214) 665-8098 [OK, LA, AR]

Have a question concerning municipal storm water permitting? (214) 665-7530 or 6464.